



CORTLAND COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Cortland county lies in the south central part of the state. In 1998, there were 131,900 acres in farms, 41 percent of the county's total 320,000 acres. There were 550 farms in the county averaging 240 acres per farm. Cortland county ranks 37th in the state for number of farms and 28th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$37.4 million. Total sales averaged \$82,848 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, corn for grain, and vegetables.

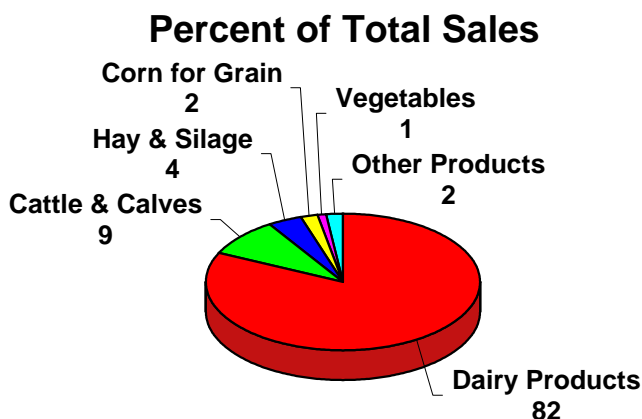
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$270,354. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$63,918 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$29.6 million for an average of \$65,235 per farm. The Census showed 54 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.3 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$17,838.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	30,540	82	24
Cattle & Calves	3,346	9	27
Hay & Silage	1,372	4	30
Corn for Grain	768	2	27
Vegetables	338	1	46
Other Products	1,083	2	
TOTAL SALES	37,447		35

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	1,787	248,140	5/	5/	43,129	5/
1950	1,414	238,985	103,984	74,401	51,106	9,494
1959	1,117	236,642	94,058	75,440	57,098	10,046
1969	726	177,488	90,381	5/	42,352	5/
1978	619	179,714	92,237	30,274	41,736	14,467
1982	606	175,000	89,784	28,988	43,604	12,624
1987	595	153,200	83,200	20,400	37,700	11,900
1992	560	152,400	81,300	21,800	34,600	14,700
1993	570	150,600	80,300	20,900	34,000	15,400
1994	565	143,100	77,000	20,300	32,600	13,200
1995	550	139,100	74,900	20,400	32,100	11,700
1996	545	133,300	72,800	20,100	30,800	9,600
1997	540	130,000	70,600	20,200	30,300	8,900
1998	550	131,900	72,300	20,200	30,200	9,200

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	195	210
\$10,000 to \$49,999	81	86
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	38
\$100,000 or more	146	118
Farms Reporting	478	452
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

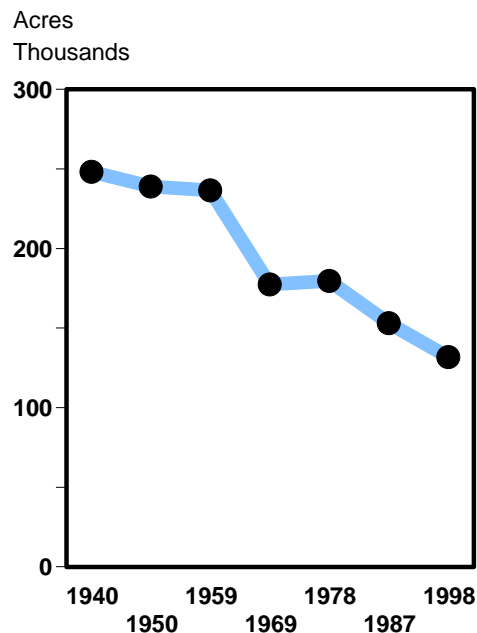
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 51st in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	33,700	67
1950	37,200	74
1960	41,100	82
1970	45,900	92
1980	48,800	98
1990	49,000	98
1998	48,033	96

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	39,063	1/	1/
1950	40,313	446	25,836
1959	43,051	544	26,700
1969	37,531	1,603	21,246
1978	41,000	1,400	22,000
1982	48,000	1,300	22,500
1987	42,000	900	21,000
1992	37,500	1,200	19,000
1993	37,500	1,500	18,000
1994	35,000	1,800	18,000
1995	33,000	1,600	19,000
1996	32,000	1,500	17,000
1997	31,000	1,500	16,500
1998	30,000	1,400	15,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	22,000	12,700	279.4
1982	23,000	13,000	299.0
1987	21,500	13,900	298.9
1992	18,300	16,200	296.5
1993	18,000	16,000	288.0
1994	18,000	16,200	291.6
1995	17,000	16,400	278.8
1996	16,500	16,300	269.0
1997	16,000	16,400	262.4
1998	15,500	16,700	258.9

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	6,001	37.2	223,196
1950	1/	7,394	38.5	284,599
1959	1/	10,186	55.9	569,787
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	5,500	4,200	62.0	260,400
1982	4,400	3,700	59.0	218,300
1987	3,200	2,300	55.0	126,500
1992	1,500	1,100	69.0	75,900
1993	1,500	1,100	68.0	74,500
1994	1,700	1,400	69.0	96,600
1995	1,300	1,000	64.0	64,100
1996	800	600	62.0	37,200
1997	900	800	64.0	51,200
1998	1,100	900	66.0	59,400

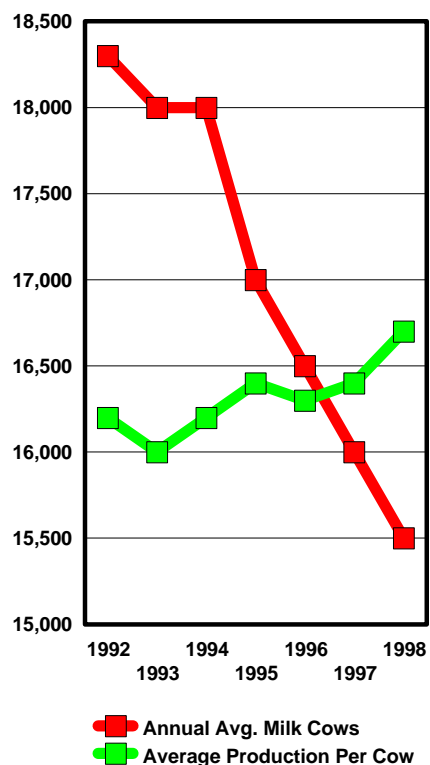
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EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
454	45	\$68,000	42

MILK: Cows & Production

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	9,618	678	56.9	38,560	1/	1/	1/
1950	10,210	1,428	45.4	64,793	8,659	11.3	97,824
1959	9,517	1,397	66.4	92,746	8,046	11.8	95,107
1969	15,000	2,000	84.0	168,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	22,800	5,100	90.0	459,000	17,500	14.0	245,000
1982	23,800	5,500	96.7	531,900	18,200	13.6	247,500
1987	21,000	6,600	107.0	706,200	13,900	16.0	222,400
1992	18,700	5,900	91.0	536,900	11,100	13.9	154,300
1993	18,700	4,400	98.0	431,200	14,100	15.5	218,500
1994	18,900	4,600	112.0	515,900	14,300	15.4	219,700
1995	17,900	5,600	102.0	570,900	12,200	14.3	173,900
1996	16,900	6,300	100.0	628,000	10,400	15.8	164,000
1997	17,200	6,000	109.0	654,000	11,100	15.3	169,800
1998	15,900	5,500	110.0	605,000	10,400	15.5	160,800

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	2,537	2.2	5,687	55,770	1.3	73,273	58,307	1.4	78,960
1950	3,588	2.7	9,751	43,450	1.9	80,418	47,038	1.9	90,169
1959	17,450	2.5	42,992	33,031	1.8	58,273	50,481	2.0	101,265
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	39,038	2.1	82,889
1978	20,200	2.9	58,600	22,500	2.2	49,500	42,700	2.5	108,100
1982	19,900	2.5	49,800	21,300	2.2	46,900	41,200	2.3	96,700
1987	16,500	2.7	44,000	18,000	2.0	36,500	34,500	2.3	80,500
1992	17,900	2.3	40,600	16,400	1.8	29,400	34,300	2.0	70,000
1993	14,400	2.5	36,400	18,800	1.8	33,800	33,200	2.1	70,200
1994	12,700	3.1	38,800	18,600	2.1	38,100	31,300	2.5	76,900
1995	12,600	2.8	35,300	17,400	1.9	33,700	30,000	2.3	69,000
1996	12,000	3.0	36,000	15,200	2.3	34,700	27,200	2.6	70,700
1997	11,000	2.9	32,100	13,500	2.5	33,100	24,500	2.7	65,200
1998	10,300	2.8	28,400	12,100	2.5	30,500	22,400	2.6	58,900

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available